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### FPPC and San Diego County District Attorney Announce Employee Sharing Agreement

In a new partnership designed to benefit both agencies, an experienced prosecutor from the San Diego County District Attorney's office has been temporarily assigned to the Fair Political Practices Commission to assist the Commission with its pending enforcement cases.

The agreement was announced today (Wednesday) by FPPC Chair Liane Randolph and San Diego County District Attorney Bonnie M. Dumanis.

"We are extremely pleased to announce this cooperative agreement," said Randolph. "We are fortunate to gain the services of an experienced deputy district attorney in our Enforcement Division, while the San Diego County District Attorney's office benefits from an attorney who, upon his return from Sacramento, will have gained further expertise in complex Political Reform Act cases."

"This employee sharing plan offers clear benefits for both agencies," said Dumanis. "The FPPC will gain additional assistance in handling its heavy enforcement workload, while our deputy will return with hands-on experience with political ethics cases that should greatly benefit this office and the people of San Diego County."

Deputy District Attorney Leon Schorr reported to the FPPC on January 3, 2006. He is scheduled to work with the Commission for approximately six to eight months. A felony trial deputy, he has been with the San Diego County District Attorney's office for nearly five years and has prosecuted major criminal cases including homicides, robberies, burglaries, arsons and drug offenses. Prior to joining the San Diego County District Attorney's office, Schorr worked on civil litigation in a private practice.

Schorr holds a Bachelor's degree in political science from the University of San Diego and received his law degree from the University of California, Davis.

The FPPC's Enforcement Division includes attorneys, investigators, accountants, political reform consultants, analysts and support staff. The Enforcement Division is assigned to investigate alleged violations of the Political Reform Act, and, where appropriate, initiate formal administrative or civil enforcement proceedings. The division conducts investigations relating to both state and local matters and, when appropriate, may refer cases to local district attorneys.

The FPPC was created by the Political Reform Act of 1974, a ballot initiative passed by California voters as Proposition 9. The commission administers, interprets and enforces the law relating to financial conflicts of interest, campaign contributions and expenditures, and lobbying disclosure.

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